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1. GERMANY: All-Berlin election proposal approved--The Department of State has authorized the Berlin branch of the US High Commission, acting jointly with British and French representatives, to support the Berlin City Assembly in proceeding with the proposed approach to the USSR for all-Berlin elections. (Under the plan approved by the Department: (a) the Berlin City Assembly on 13 April 1950 would address a resolution to the four commandants in Berlin requesting their endorsement of city-wide elections; and (b) the three Western commandants in Berlin would immediately accept the resolution, make a written statement the next day, and await the Kremlin's reaction. The Western proposal for city-wide elections is designed primarily to counter the scheduled Berlin Youth Rally and May Day celebrations being sponsored by Communist organizations in the Soviet sector of Berlin.)

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Prompt Western action on German unity suggested--US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow, in discussing the question of Western action regarding the German unity issue, concurs with the recommendation of the US High Commissioner in Germany that German unity should be vigorously and promptly supported by the West. Kirk suggests as a possible line of action that a statement by the High Commissioner concerning elections for an all-German Constituent Assembly be made "as early as possible," and be followed by a separate tripartite declaration supporting this proposal at the meeting of Foreign Ministers early in May 1950.

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Reported Soviet-East German peace treaty--US Legation Bern reports [redacted]

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[redacted] that the USSR has decided to administer a "knockout blow" to US policy

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in Germany by offering a peace treaty to the East German Government. According to the Legation [] the treaty will be offered on 8 or 9 May 1950 and will include the return to Germany of certain former German territory now held by Poland.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the USSR is unlikely to conclude a separate peace treaty with the East German Government in the near future.)

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